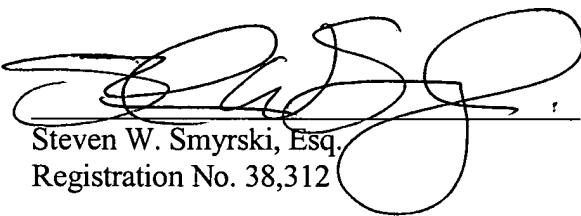


REMARKS

Applicants had initially submitted claims 1-20 and cancelled all but claim 1. Applicants have amended the application to cancel claim 1 and add new claims 21-41. Full examination of these pending claims is requested.

It is believed that no fee is due in accordance with this Preliminary Amendment beyond those included herewith. If it should be determined for any reason an insufficient fee has been paid, please charge any insufficiency to ensure consideration of the application and this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account 502026.

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